

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COSTA MESA

JULY 19, 2005

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, met in regular session Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

ROLL CALL	Council Members Present:	Mayor Allan Mansoor Council Member Eric Bever Council Member Linda Dixon Council Member Katrina Foley
	Council Members Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Gary Monahan
	Officials Present:	City Manager Allan Roeder City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow Administrative Services Director Steve Mandoki Human Resources Manager Terri Cassidy Deputy City Clerk Julie Folcik
REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION	The City Attorney presented the following requests for closed session:	
Anticipated Litigation	Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code, significant exposure to litigation, and/or pursuant to Subdivision (c) of California Government Code Section 54956.9, initiation of litigation, a closed session has been scheduled for the City Council to confer with legal counsel, Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney, regarding anticipated litigation - one (1) case.	
Labor Negotiations	Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code, a closed session has been scheduled for the City Council to confer with the designated agency representatives Steve Mandoki, Administrative Services Director, and Terri Cassidy, Human Resources Manager, regarding labor negotiations with the Costa Mesa City Employee Association (CMCEA), Costa Mesa Firefighters Association (CMFA), Costa Mesa Police Association (CMPA), and Costa Mesa Police Management Association (CMPMA).	
PUBLIC COMMENT	There were no speakers under Public Comment.	
ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION	At 5:08 p.m., Mayor Mansoor adjourned the City Council meeting to a closed session in first floor Conference Room B to discuss the items previously announced by the City Attorney.	
MEETING RECONVENED	Mayor Mansoor reconvened the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by the Mayor, and a moment of solemn expression led by Pastor Dave Manne, Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa.	

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Allan Mansoor
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Monahan
(arrived at 7:00 p.m.)
Council Member Eric Bever
Council Member Linda Dixon
Council Member Katrina Foley

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder
City Attorney Kimberly Hall
Barlow
Development Services Director
Donald Lamm
City Engineer Ernesto Munoz
Building Official Khanh Ngyuen
Recreation Manager Jana
Ransom
Deputy City Clerk Julie Folcik

CLOSED SESSION
REPORT

The City Attorney announced that the no action had been taken during closed session on the following items:

No Action Taken

Significant exposure to litigation (Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code), and/or initiation of litigation (Subdivision (c) of California Government Code Section 54956.9), in connection with anticipated litigation - one (1) case.

No Action Taken

City Council's conference with designated agency representatives Steve Mandoki, Administrative Services Director, and Terri Cassidy, Human Resources Manager (Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code), in reference to labor negotiations with the Costa Mesa City Employee Association (CMCEA), Costa Mesa Firefighters Association (CMFA), Costa Mesa Police Association (CMPA), and Costa Mesa Police Management Association (CMPMA).

PRESENTATION

Mayor Mansoor congratulated Mike and Linda Brumbaugh on receiving the Mayor's Award for July, 2005, in recognition of their generous spirit in organizing a fundraiser and raffle to relieve some of the financial burden which accompanied a recent tragedy.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Fireworks

Donald Nicholson, Costa Mesa, reported that on the 4th of July, over 50 percent of the fireworks were illegal, particularly after 8:30 p.m. He encouraged Council to institute a ban.

Judi Berry, Costa Mesa, asked when the report on firework activity on the 4th of July would be available to the public, and also if any fireworks had been confiscated. The City Manager replied that the report will be available prior to the end of the month and will be posted to the City's website, www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us.

Mildred Nicholson, Costa Mesa, commented that she has not enjoyed the 4th of the July for the last 45 years.

Mike Berry, Costa Mesa, addressed the cost to the City of having fireworks, and suggested that this be researched prior to the next 4th of July.

D.A.R.E. Program

Mirna Burciaga, Costa Mesa, observed that the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program was created in 1983 to teach children about the hazards of drug abuse. She felt that

through participation in the program, children establish the foundation for a healthy and productive life. She thought that the program should be expanded, not terminated, as was suggested at the meeting of June 21, 2005. Mayor Mansoor replied that the effectiveness of the D.A.R.E. Program has been questioned, and believed that these type of issues should be addressed in the home.

17th Street Gallery

Tracey Maloney announced the recent opening of her art gallery on East 17th Street, and expressed an interest in creating paintings of local historical scenes. Mayor Mansoor suggested that Ms. Maloney contact the Historical Preservation Committee, and Council Member Dixon recommended that she also contact the Costa Mesa Historical Society.

Millard Comments

Martin Millard, Costa Mesa, thought that the D.A.R.E. Program should be terminated, stating that it is the job of the parents to educate their children. He referred to his letter to the City Council of June 23, 2005, regarding a decrepit wall on Baker Street, and suggested that the City stucco the face of the wall. Mr. Millard objected to soccer games being played at Paularino Park, stating that there is no field, only a lawn, and encouraged Council to take action to save the park.

AYSO

Mike Barr, Newport Beach, an American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) volunteer, asked that Council direct staff to rescind the permit issued to Region 97 AYSO, Newport Beach, for the Farm Sports Complex. He claimed that Region 97 has been given preference even though they are not considered a Group 1 user at this site. He detailed the complexities of the issue.

West Side

Janice Davidson, Costa Mesa, posed the question to each Council Member regarding their accomplishments in relation to the west side of Costa Mesa, and thought that several members were lacking. Mayor Mansoor responded that the Overlay Zone on the west side is an example of the many efforts made by Council to address west side issues.

Shereshevsky
Comments

Anne Hogan Shereshevsky, Costa Mesa, reported that the intersection of 19th Street and Pomona Avenue presents a traffic hazard and asked for temporary remedial measures. She thanked those who sponsored her trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the White House Conference on Aging. She agreed with the previous speakers opposing fireworks. Ms. Hogan Shereshevsky appreciated the Council addressing senior housing issues (New Business No. 2).

Police Commendation

Mike Brumbaugh, Costa Mesa, commended the Police Chief on police efforts in his neighborhood,

CONSENT
CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar: Item No. 10, Award contract for Fairview Park Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge, Project No. 05-17, to Sol Construction; Item No. 11, Reject all bids for Replacement of HVAC Unit at Fire Station No. 4, Police Substation, Senior Center, and Condenser Pipes at City Hall, Project No. 05-14; and Item No. 13, Resolution dissolving the Human Relations Committee.

MOTION/Approved
Except Item No. 10,
11, and 13

On motion by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Bever, and carried 4-0, the remaining Consent Calendar items were approved as recommended.

READING FOLDER	The following Reading Folder items were received and processed:
Claims	Claims received by the Deputy City Clerk: Teri B. Kennady; and Fred Gilbert.
Public Utilities Commission	Southern California Gas Company corrected notice of filing Application Nos. A.05-06-012 and A-05-06-011 with the Public Utilities Commission for Low-Income Programs and Energy-Efficiency Programs.
MINUTES May 17, 2005	Minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2005, were approved as amended.
WARRANTS	The following warrants were approved:
Approved Warrant 2065/Payroll 513 and 512A	Warrant Resolution 2065, funding Payroll No. 513 for \$2,031,345.74, and Payroll No. 512A for \$982.49, and City operating expenses for \$1,521,210.04, including payroll deductions.
Approved Warrant 2066	Warrant Resolution 2066, funding City operating expenses for \$599,795.96.
REJECTED CLAIMS	The following claims were rejected:
McDowall	Ralph McDowall (allegedly tripped and fell on Southern California Edison box).
Jones	Dennis Jones (alleges he drove over a metal covering that damaged his car).
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS/Approved Amendment to A.C.T. GIS Contract for Support Services	The fifth amendment was approved to the agreement with A.C.T. GIS, Inc., 19000 Grovewood Drive, Corona, for support services of the City's Geographic Information System (G.I.S.), for \$62,212.00, and the City Manager and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign on behalf of the City.
Awarded Concrete Replacement at Park Sites, Project 05-06, to S. Parker	Bids received for Concrete Replacement at Various Park Sites, Project No. 05-06, are on file in the City Clerk's office. The contract was awarded to S. Parker Engineering, Inc., 10059 Whippoorwill Avenue, Fountain Valley, for \$37,106.30 (base bid), and the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign on behalf of the City.
Awarded Tanager Park Wiring, Project 05-13, to Belaire West Landscape	Bids received for Replacement of Irrigation Control Wiring in Tanager Park, Project No. 05-13, are on file in the City Clerk's office. The contract was awarded to Belaire West Landscape, Inc., 7371 Walnut Avenue, Buena Park, for \$18,220.00 (base bid), and the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign on behalf of the City.
Accepted Work for Fairview Park Multipurpose Trail, Project 04-24, by Sol	Construction of Fairview Park Multipurpose Trail, Project No. 04-24, was completed to the satisfaction of the Public Services Director on May 31, 2005, by Sol Construction, Inc., 231 East Alessandro Boulevard, Suite A405, Riverside. The work was accepted; the Deputy City Clerk was authorized to file a Notice of Completion; authorization was given to release retention monies 35 days thereafter; the Labor and Material bond was ordered exonerated 7 months thereafter; and the Performance Bond was ordered exonerated 6 months thereafter

Fairview Park Bridge, Project No. 05-17	Item No. 10 on the Consent Calendar was presented: Fairview Park Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge, Project No. 05-17. Mayor Mansoor stated that he opposed the bridge over Placentia Avenue.
MOTION/Awarded Contract to Sol; Approved Budget Adjustment No. 05-109	On motion by Council Member Foley, seconded by Council Member Dixon, and carried 3-1, Mayor Mansoor voting no, the contract was awarded to Sol Construction, Inc., 231 East Alessandro Boulevard, Suite A405, Riverside, for \$578,899.00 (base bid), the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign on behalf of the City; minor irregularities in the bid submitted by Sol Construction, Inc. were waived; and Budget Adjustment No. 05-109 was approved for \$457,986.00.
	Mayor Pro Tem Monahan arrived at 7:00 p.m.
HVAC Replacement, Project 05-14	Item No. 11 on the Consent Calendar was presented: Replacement of the HVAC Unit at Fire Station No. 4 (2300 Placentia Avenue); Police Substation (567 W. 18 th Street); Senior Center (695 W. 19 th Street); and Condenser Pipes at City Hall (77 Fair Drive), Project No. 05-14. Anne Hogan Shereshevsky thought that the recommended action was contradictory. The City Engineer explained that the one bid received for this project was non-responsive, and re-advertisement would draw additional bidders who would more appropriately address the project. He responded to questions from Council, stating that a contract should be awarded in three to four months.
MOTION/Rejected Bids	On motion by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Dixon, and carried 5-0, the bid was rejected; and staff was directed to re-advertise the project.
Dissolution of Human Relations Committee	Item No. 13 on the Consent Calendar was presented: Resolution dissolving the Human Relations Committee.
	The following Costa Mesa residents opposed dissolution of the Committee: Janice Davidson, committee member; Karl Alf, alternate committee member; Anne Hogan Shereshevsky; the Reverend Dr. Dennis Short, Harbor Christian Church, committee member; Mirna Burciaga, committee member; and Roberto (last name unknown).
	Mayor Mansoor did not believe that this should be a function of government but is best handled through private organizations. He noted that he had previously asked for a Council member to serve as Council liaison but that no one was available. Council Member Dixon and Council Member Foley indicated they would be willing to serve as liaisons. Council Member Dixon followed up by commenting that she thought that the City needed a Human Relations Committee to move forward with ideas which benefit the entire City. Council Member Foley stated that the Human Relations Committee volunteers have served the City well, and suggested recommending projects to the committee. Giving the example of the "Living Room Dialogues" she stated that the committee is valuable to the City and should be retained.
MOTION/To Recommit to Human Relations Committee	A motion was made by Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Member Foley, to recommit to the Human Relations Committee and fund them at \$4,000.00 per year.
SUBSTITUTE MOTION/Adopted Resolution 05-49	A substitute motion was made by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Bever, and carried 3-2, Council Member Dixon and Council Member Foley voting no, to adopt revised Resolution

05-49: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, DISSOLVING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC HEARING
Vacation of Right-of-Way at 197 Magnolia Street

The Deputy City Clerk announced that this is the time and place set for the public hearing to consider a resolution ordering the vacation of excess right-of-way at 197 Magnolia Street (Orange Avenue side). The Affidavits of Publishing and Posting are on file in the City Clerk's office. The City Engineering reviewed the Agenda Report dated July 7, 2005.

There being no speakers, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

MOTION/Adopted
Resolution 05-50

On motion by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Bever, and carried 5-0, Resolution 05-50 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE VACATION OF EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 197 MAGNOLIA STREET (ORANGE AVENUE SIDE), and the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign QuitClaim Deed No. 3531.

PUBLIC HEARING
Vacation of Right-of-Way at 628 West 19th Street

The Deputy City Clerk announced that this is the time and place set for the public hearing to consider a resolution ordering the vacation of excess right-of-way at 628 West 19th Street. The Affidavits of Publishing and Posting are on file in the City Clerk's office. The City Engineering reviewed the Agenda Report dated July 7, 2005.

There being no speakers, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

MOTION/Adopted
Resolution 05-51

On motion by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Bever, and carried 5-0, Resolution 05-51 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE VACATION OF EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 628 WEST 19TH STREET, and the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign QuitClaim Deed No. 3532.

OLD BUSINESS
Medical Marijuana
Dispensaries

The Deputy City Clerk presented from the meeting of July 5, 2005, second reading and adoption of Ordinance 05-11, to prohibit the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Costa Mesa. The City Attorney summarized the Agenda Report dated July 5, 2005, and addressed recent litigation on this subject which involved Los Angeles County. She responded to questions that were raised at the meeting of July 5, 2005, and opined that it would not be in violation of State law to enact a prohibitory ordinance.

Will Johnson, Huntington Beach, encouraged Council to preserve compassion for patients who qualify to use medical marijuana. He felt that a ban was unnecessary.

Leroy Rowland, Costa Mesa, resident and business owner, supported safe and legal access of medical marijuana, and stated that he was interested in opening a dispensary in the City.

Bill Britt, Long Beach, Director of Association of Patient Advocates, maintained that sick persons in the community were being jeopardized by being forced to buy marijuana illegally. He cited other cities that have allowed the dispensaries.

Steve (last name unknown), Huntington Beach, expressed

compassion for patients who require medication. He thought that the use of marijuana would eventually be legalized.

MOTION/Adopted
Ordinance 05-11

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Monahan, seconded by Mayor Mansoor, and carried 3-2, Council Member Dixon and Council Member Foley voting no, Ordinance 05-11 was given second reading and adopted: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 13 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, read by title only and further reading was waived.

OLD BUSINESS
TeWinkle Park Skate
Park

The Deputy City Clerk presented from the meeting of July 5, 2005, Change Order No. 6 to the contract with California Landscape and Design, Inc., doing business as California Skateparks, 273 North Benson Avenue, Upland, for TeWinkle Park Skate Park, Project No. 04-19, for \$120,000.00, to construct a perforated steel plaza cover and supporting structures not included in the original contract due to budgetary limitations at that time. The City Engineer summarized the Agenda Report dated July 7, 2005, and responded to questions from Council.

Robert Graham, Costa Mesa, endorsed Council's choice of a contractor for the skate park, and asked that the same high quality be maintained in future work.

MOTION/Approved
Skate Park Additions

On motion by Council Member Bever, seconded by Council Member Foley, Fiscal Year 2005-06 Capital Improvement Project No. 29 – TeWinkle Skate Park Shade Structure was deleted; and the following were approved: Add perforated metal screens to certain areas of the existing wrought iron fence; relocate fence adjacent to the emergency gate and provide an open turf area for parents to rest while waiting for their children and for skaters to unload their gear; provide a bench outside the fence line; and add bleachers.

Mayor Pro Tem Monahan opposed the motion, however supported adding the metal screens because of safety issues. He felt that it was premature to make the decision at this time because the park is new, and expressed an interest in a second skateboard park in the future. Council Member Foley supported the motion, indicating that the safety factor covers spectators as well as skaters. Council Member Bever concurred that the amenities are needed.

In response to Council inquiries regarding an additional skate park, the City Manager proposed a future agenda item which addresses the process and time line.

The motion carried 4-1, Mayor Pro Tem Monahan voting no.

NEW BUSINESS
Residential Remode-
ling Incentive Program

The Deputy City Clerk presented the Residential Remodeling Incentive Program. The Development Services Director reviewed the Agenda Report dated July 9, 2005, and he and the Building Official responded to questions from Council.

Council Member Bever suggested that condominiums and town homes be included in the program. Mayor Pro Tem Monahan concurred and added that he thought the "cap" should be higher than \$150,000.00. Council Member Dixon suggested partnering with the Mesa Consolidated Water District to offer incentives for water-wise landscaping. Council Member Foley approved of

incorporating driveway storage containers into the program.

Martin Millard, Costa Mesa, thought that the “cap” should be raised to \$300,000.00, which would allow for “mansionization”. He thought that the property owner should agree to certain standards, and approved of adding condominiums and town homes.

Judi Berry, Costa Mesa, thought the \$150,000.00 “cap” should be raised, a requirement should be added that the driveway storage containers be kept neat and clean, and the effective date should be postponed in order to advertise the program.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, thought there should be rules as to what qualifies as a driveway storage container, and believed that persons participating in the program should bring any previous illegally constructed improvements up to code. She was concerned about loss of revenue to the City, and suggested implementing the project in Spring, 2006.

Mike Berry, Costa Mesa, thought that any owner occupied property should be included in the program, and suggested advertising through home improvement stores such as Home Depot.

MOTION/Approved
Program; Gave
Directions to Staff

On motion by Council Member Bever, seconded by Mayor Mansoor, and carried 5-0, staff was directed to move forward with the Residential Remodeling Incentive Program, waived the \$150,000.00 limit on the valuation of the work for single-family homes, condominiums, and town homes, provided a “lead-in” period with the program to be held September through December, directed that advertising be conducted through home improvement organizations such as Home Depot, and to provide information of the incentive program to the development community and real estate community, and directed staff to prepare an ordinance regarding regulations for temporary storage containers; and further directed staff to work with the Mesa Consolidated Water District, regarding the possibility of encouraging some incentive for water-wise landscaping, as part of the program.

Council Member Foley also encouraged staff to contact Southern California Edison Company regarding a rebate for energy efficient appliances.

NEW BUSINESS
Affordable Senior
Housing

The Deputy City Clerk presented the viability of converting motels to affordable senior housing. The Development Services Director summarized the Agenda Report dated July 7, 2005, and responded to questions from Council.

Council Member Bever suggested incentives to update old projects. The Development Services Director proposed reviewing these options within the context of the new Housing Element which will be rewritten by June 30, 2006. Council Member Foley proposed that staff review flexible zoning standards. The Development Services Director reported that a task force, comprised of Code Enforcement and the Police Department, meets quarterly to review local motels in relation to tenants, crime, and compliance to laws. Council Member Dixon expressed an interest in seeing the reports generated by these meetings, and asked for the opportunity to review density incentives. Mayor Pro Tem Monahan commented that the motels on Newport Boulevard have improved.

Martin Millard, Costa Mesa, asked that the concept be expanded to

include apartments, triplexes, and fourplexes, as well as motels, noting that there a number in the north part of the City which would be perfect for student and/or senior housing. He supported giving density bonuses but opposed parking variances.

Judi Berry, Costa Mesa, questioned one of the charts in the report.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, opined that additional senior housing would benefit the community, and suggested investigating grant funding for the project.

Anne Hogan Shereshevsky, Costa Mesa, indicated that she had procured a brochure entitled, "Housing Community Development Department Affordable Rental Housing" from the Orange County Housing Authority. She wondered when Costa Mesa would have its own Housing Authority, and indicated that housing issues should always include the handicapped, and suggested a "needs assessment".

Mike Berry, Costa Mesa, endorsed additional senior housing, and proposed a dedicated tax to finance the project.

MOTION/Gave
Directions to Staff

On motion by Council Member Bever, seconded by Mayor Mansoor, and carried 5-0, staff was directed to investigate alternatives in utilizing motel properties, exploring all options, and to include this information in the preparation of the housing element for Spring, 2006, providing a written progress report in the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS
Field Use Committee

The Deputy City Clerk presented the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Field Use Committee. The Recreation Manager summarized the Agenda Report dated July 6, 2005.

Mayor Mansoor thought that the Parks and Recreation Commission should address the field use issues, as listed in the agenda report, as well as maintaining the same number of user groups, identifying the means to reduce problems in high use areas, and to review the joint use agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Monahan observed that the current field use policy is workable, and commented that the biggest problem is the lack of fields. Council Member Dixon concurred that the plan which is in place is solid. Council Member Foley agreed that the Parks and Recreation Commission should review the issues, and thought that the user groups were clearly defined.

Mike Barr, Newport Beach, indicated that with the Sports Complex closed in January and February, there are no fields with lighting for soccer games, and pointed out that baseball receives priority in the Spring.

Council Member Bever asked staff to investigate the Newport Beach agreement which would address "border" issues, elimination of the Group 6 (adult, non-Costa Mesa resident) users, and the use of small utility fields and school yards surrounded by adjoining property.

MOTION/Gave
Directions to Parks
and Recreation Com-
mission

On motion by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Bever, and carried 5-0, the Parks and Recreation Committee was directed to review the field use issues, to consider joint use agreement options, the use of elementary schools, the use of fields by non-resident Groups 5 and 6, rotational and year round use of fields, temporary and permanent lighting, maintaining the same

number of user groups even with the addition of new fields, identify the reduction of problem areas, provide this information to the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, and to bring the information to Council by the meeting of September 6, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS
Streetscape and
Median Development
Standards

The Deputy City Clerk presented a resolution amending the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, to add Adams Avenue, from Placentia Avenue to Santa Ana River, to the list of aesthetically deficient arterial wall locations. The City Engineer reviewed the Agenda Report dated June 30, 2005, and responded to questions from Council.

Council Member Dixon thought that the type of material used for the walls should be consistent. The City Engineer responded that there is a policy which requires consistency City-wide for newly built walls, including walls built under this program. Council Member Bever commented that along Victoria Street there has been extensive use of creeping vines which minimizes graffiti problems as well as differences in wall material.

Larry Haynes, Costa Mesa, stated that he would like to work with staff to get the bid as low as possible, and funded during the 2005-06 fiscal year. He observed that there are safety and health issues with the current condition of the wall.

Donna Haynes, Costa Mesa, stated that the proposed wall is a cantilevered retaining wall which will cost approximately \$52,000.

Martin Millard, Costa Mesa, thought that a creeping vine might work on the wall on Baker Street which he had previously mentioned.

MOTION/Adopted
Resolution 05-52

On motion by Mayor Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Foley, and carried 5-0, Resolution 05-52 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE STREETScape AND MEDIAN DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, and staff was directed to work with the property owner on the bids for the wall, bringing funding options to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Monahan supported the motion, but recognized that with the cost increase due to specific demands for materials, the City must share in the funding. Council Member Foley supported the motion, and suggested promoting the program in the future. She commented that the wall along Adams Avenue is a disgrace and requires re-construction with consistent, inexpensive material.

COUNCIL
COMMENTS
Sister City; Human
Relations Committee
Letter; 19th Street/
Pomona Avenue
Horse Trail

Council Member Foley asked that an ad hoc committee be formed to organize and prepare programs for visits from Sister City participants from Wyndham, Victoria, Australia. She asked that letters of appreciation be sent to each Human Relations Committee member, thanking them for their service. She asked that the 19th Street/Pomona Avenue traffic issue, as mentioned by Anne Hogan Shereshevsky under Public Comments, be reviewed. Council Member Foley asked that staff direct the Parks and Recreation Commission to review constructing a horse trail which connects Back Bay to the Santa Ana River Trail.

Council Member Dixon announced that the City is accepting

Senior Center Board
Applications; 4th of
July Costs; Farm
Sports Complex;
Human Relations
Committee

applications to the Costa Mesa Senior Center Board of Directors who meet once a month. In reference to a remark made by Mike Berry during Public Comment, she expressed an interest in obtaining the costs incurred by the City on the 4th of July. The City Manager replied that various departments generate reports which indicate the actual costs of enforcement. Council Member Dixon was interested in placing the Farm Sports Complex on a study session agenda to review usage. The City Manager indicated that the Sports Complex was scheduled for review at an upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. She asked the City Manager if the Human Relations Committee chooses to continue without being under the auspices of City Council, could she transfer her personal budget for meetings and seminars to the committee. He responded that at present there is no policy nor guidelines regarding the use of those funds, and will bring it forward for Council discussion.

4th of July Costs; West
Side Issues

Council Member Bever concurred with Mr. Berry's and Council Member Dixon's comments regarding the 4th of July costs. In response to remarks by Mrs. Davidson during Public Comment, he maintained that Council had been proactive in improving the west side and the City in general. He thanked Council for their support of the residential improvement program.

Fireworks; Agenda
Adjournment; Jazz
Festival

Mayor Pro Tem Monahan supported fireworks in the City. He asked that the adjournment date for the Council meeting be added to the agenda. He announced that the Jazz Festival is returning after a two-year hiatus to the Holiday Inn and the Hilton Hotel on Bristol Street, on the weekend of August 4, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

